

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 15 are amended. Also, the Specification and Fig. 1 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

I. Objection to Fig. 1

The Office Action objected to Fig. 1 for containing a non-English word, "Ansicht A." The non-English word has been removed and replaced with the English equivalent, "view A." Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

II. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objected to the Specification for containing the phrase "according with the preamble of claim 1." The phrase has been removed, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

III. Objection to Claim 15

The Office Action objected to claim 15 for using a non-English word "mit." The non-English word has been removed and replaced with the English equivalent "wherein." Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

IV. 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 Rejection

The Office Action rejection claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph for insufficient antecedent for the limitation "the pin." Claim 13 has been amended to read "a pin," to overcome the rejection. Application respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

V. 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §103 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 8-13 and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Achten (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0201879). Claims 2, 4-7 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Achten in view of Wiggerman (U.S. Patent No. 2,968,286). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 recites "each cylinder sleeve is pivotally mounted through the intermediary of a joint." Achten does not disclose this feature.

The Office Action cites Achten, Figs. 1, 11 and 12 as teaching that each cylinder sleeve is pivotally mounted through the intermediary of a joint. The Office Action asserts that each cylinder sleeve is pivotally mounted through the intermediary of a joint 48 described in Figs. 1, 11 and 12. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Figs. 1, 11 and 12 teach a cylinder sleeve that is clamped by using joint 48. None of the figures show that element 48 is a joint that pivotally mounts a cylinder sleeve. Paragraphs [0070] and [0071] of Achten further supports that element 48 in Figs. 1, 11 and 12 is a clamp. Achten states in paragraph [0070] that a clamping device is used for clamping the sleeves against the drum plate. Nowhere is element 48 described as a joint that pivotally mount a cylinder sleeve. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

B. Claims 2-17

Wiggerman does not cure the deficiency of Achten. Thus, claims 1 is patentable over Wiggerman and Achten.

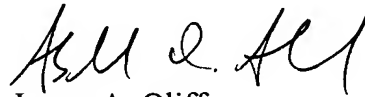
Because claim 1 is allowable, the dependent claims are likewise patentable over the applied reference for at least the reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1 as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 2, 3, 8-13 and 15-17 and the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 2, 4-7 and 14 be withdrawn.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Replacement Drawing

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